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SUBJ: APAG REPORT

1. WE CONSIDER DRAFT CHAIRMAN' S REPORT ON APRIL 3-5, 1973
APAG MEETING (APAG(73)5) ON " EFFECT ON SOVIET POLICY IN
EUROPE OF THE EMERGENCE OF CHINA ON THE WORLD SCENE" AN
ADMIRABLE AND CONCISE SUMMARY OF A COMPLEX DISCUSSION.

2. SPECIFIC COMMENTS FOLLOW:

(A) PARA 22 OF REPORT: SUGGEST DELETING BRZEZINSKI QUOTE
AND REPLACING IT WITH STRAIGHTFORWARD STATEMENT " OUR AIM
SHOULD BE TO HAVE BETTER RELATIONS WITH BOTH THE SOVIET
UNION AND CHINA THAN EITHER CAN HAVE WITH EACH OTHER."

(B) PARA 23 OF REPORT: FOR SAKE OF CLARITY, SUGGEST
DELETION OF SENTENCE " WE SHOULD SEEK TO AVOID MAJOR CON-
FRONTATIONS THAT MAY ESCALATE INTO A NUCLEAR WAR." UNCLEAR
WHETHER THIS REFERS TO POSSIBLE HOSTILITIES BETWEEN CHINA
AND USSR OR WHAT.

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(C) PARA 5 OF ANNEX: SUGGEST DELETION OF " SOLELY." IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT THE LEVEL OF SINO- SOVIET TRADE IS OR IS DETERMINED " SOLELY" BY ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS, ALTHOUGH THESE MAY NOW BE MORE IMPORTANT.

(D) PARA 13 OF ANNEX: ADD AFTER " SUPER- POWERS" THE PHRASE

" PARTICULARLY THE SOVIET UNION."

(E) PARA 15 OF ANNEX: REPLACE " LIKEWISE" IN SECOND SENTENCE WITH " OPENLY." RUSH

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